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Public Health Auditorium
1601 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, CA 95205

Thursday, May 8, 2003 – 7:00 a.m.

<<APPROVED>>

1. Commencement of Meeting

Roll Call: Commissioners Adubofour, Dei Rossi, Mitchell, Snider, Fujii were present. Commissioner Flenoy-Kelley was excused. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Gutierrez arrived at 7:08 am.

Agenda Item #5 Termination of United Way/Success by Six [Parents as Teachers] Contracts and Award Lodi and French Camp Contracts to Concilio and the School Readiness Contract (Nightingale, Monroe, Van Buren) to Stockton Unified School District was removed due to the withdrawal of Stockton Unified School District, after the agenda was mailed with the resolution that was to be presented. The Commission requested the Program Coordinator provide a list of options to the Commission in advance of a meeting, either a special meeting or a regularly scheduled meeting. The Program Coordinator clarified that the withdrawal of Stockton Unified School District was only from the United Way contracts and not any other existing contracts. Because plausible solutions have been repeatedly withdrawn, this item has been placed as a discussion item on a future agenda. Clarification was made that the Program Coordinator will present a list of options to the Commission for discussion or decision at a future meeting.

Motion: Place on future agenda the option to award the contract to the Concilio or one of the alternatives at the next Commission meeting. (Gutierrez/Adubofour; 6-0 motion carries).

Annette Sanchez, requested clarification on the direction to the Program Coordinator and asked if the motion would restrict funding options to the three original organizations involved or if other organizations would have an opportunity for this funding. It was noted that there would be a list of options for discussion.

2. Swearing In of New Commissioner

Commissioner Snider was sworn into office by Program Coordinator for his new term of service.

3. Program Coordinator's Report

El Concilio's Child Care Center, recipient of a mini-grant that paid for a field trip, gave the Commission a thank you book, that had been created by the children, to pass around.

Highlights included:

- The Site visits for Round 2 Year 3 funding are in progress.
- Data Warehouse meetings are being conducted to move the project forward. Recommendations will be brought back to the Commission soon.
- The Round 1 Year 3 funding process is starting now as well.
- Child Care Initiative proposals are due on May 20th, 2003.

- The State Commission is offering match funds for the CARES Initiative. It's being called the Childcare Retention Incentive or CRI to address the issue of high turnover in the childcare setting. There are currently state funds that incentivize programs that have state contracts with the California Department of Education, the new initiative will provide opportunities for family child care centers and the targeted low performing school areas to work together.

4. Motion on Consent Calendar

- Approve Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2003
- Suspend Child Abuse Prevention Council/First Steps Contract Until Occupancy of New Facility
- Approve Recommendations of Extending Round Two Contracts for the Third Year
- Approve Stipend for Out of County Readers for Child Care Proposals
- Neutral Support of AB221 Pertaining to the Increase of the Legal Age of Use of Tobacco Products
- Approve Scope of Work and Budget for Harder and Co for Fiscal Year 2003/2004

Motion to Accept the Consent Calendar (Mitchell/Dei Rossi; 6/0 motion carries).

5. Removed from Agenda

6. Committee Reports

- School Readiness – video of French Camp Elementary School
Commissioner Dei Rossi advised he will show the video at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting due to equipment unsuitability.
- Planning – approve recommendation for funding priorities
Commissioner Mitchell reported that the committee has been working on funding priorities for continued funding on existing contracts. Of concern was the issue of the original objectives and the current scopes of work being consistent with the current strategic plan. Round 1 and Round 2 were funded under the first strategic plan, which held a different set of objectives. The recommendation to the Commission is that any continued funding commitments be limited to the duration of the current Strategic plan and to adopt the rubric for continued funding decisions. The consensus was that there are sufficient monies available to continue Round 1 and Round 2 programs beyond the original three year timeline and if their programs fit into the current strategic plan objectives their funding could be extended. The Program Coordinator emphasized that sustainability beyond First 5 funding is continuously being worked on with the contractors.

*Motion to Approve the Planning Committee Recommendation Regarding the Rubric.
(Fujii/Adubofour 6/0 carries)*

7. Presentation by Health Plan of San Joaquin of the Children's Health Initiative

David Hearst, the Marketing Director for Health Plan of San Joaquin provided an overview of the program for uninsured children, the Healthy Kids program. The intent is for this program to dovetail the efforts of Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, to reach out to children in underserved populations who do not qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families coverage. The criteria targets the approximate 3,000 uninsured children whose families are within the 0 to 300% of the poverty level. The San Joaquin Healthy Kids program is following the lead of Santa Clara and San Francisco programs and will "mirror" the Healthy Families program as close as possible to

provide comprehensive health, vision and dental benefits. Qualifications will include: the age of the child (up to age 19); unable to qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families; meet the federal income levels of up to 300% of the poverty level; be San Joaquin County residents and not be enrolled in employer sponsored coverage in the last 90 days unless the parent has been subject to a layoff. The goal is \$5.00 co-pay for services and medications and a \$5.00 per month per child premium with a quarterly payment discount option. Hardship payment plans are being created as well for special circumstances to provide alternative payment options instead of loss of coverage if payments aren't made.

Program financial resources are of primary consideration. Health Plan of San Joaquin's Commission has committed 1 million dollars per year for three years. Additional funding will be required to meet the goal of reaching all the current 3,000 children in need and they will be seeking the collaboration and support of the First 5 Commission at a future meeting. There is also legislation being presented (AB495) at the state level to recoup some of the funds not used in Healthy Families and County's that have children's health initiatives could apply for those funds.

There will be a competitive Request for Proposal process to contract with community based organizations for the outreach to the targeted populations. Different strategies that are successful with specific populations would be provided based on knowledge of those populations.

8. Harder and Co - Evaluation Update

Nicole Humphrey thanked the Commission for the opportunity to continue to work with them and the contractors. She provided a brief update to report on some of the progress from October 2002 through March 2003. They are now in phase 2 of the 3 phase evaluation plan which incorporates short term outcomes and building provider capacity with contractors. Phase 3 emphasizes behavior changes for longer term outcomes. Detailed handouts were provided with report information that included the fact that almost 13,000 clients were served in the last 6 months. This matches the last yearly total. The increase in numbers served is attributed to contractors having worked out a lot of their "start up kinks."

Contractor data collection in OCERS is being refined for better statistical information and they are continuing to work with contractors during cluster group meetings before and after the bi-monthly contractor meetings to improve evaluation tools.

9. Public Comments

Connie Mortenson the Human Resources Manager at Concilio requested that the Commission call a special meeting to resolve the issues of the United Way contracts. She expressed concerns for the delays to children receiving services due to the extended training period required by the National Parents As Teachers program and the status of the already hired Parent Educators.

10. Commissioner Comments

Chair Snider requested that Commissioners determine when the next Commission Meeting would be to discuss the pulled agenda item regarding the United Way contracts so to insure a quorum for the vote.

Commissioner Fujii stated that his fears of services not being provided because of the way the Commission voted on the previous recommendations regarding the United Way contracts has come to pass and he is hopeful that the greater good will happen soon.

Commissioner Mitchell commented that the First 5 California State Conference was revitalizing and invigorating and the workshops he attended were full of very useful information. He also commented that Universal Health Care has been in the works for over 30 years and as the Public Health Director for San Joaquin county he believes the decisions made by this Commission on this project will be monumental.

Commissioner Dei Rossi stated that he attended the State Conference too and he found out that now it seems that the term School Readiness has a negative connotation to the general public so there is talk about changing the name to Early Learning instead. He also thanked David Hearst for his presentation on Healthy Kids, he agrees with Commissioner Mitchell that this will be a wonderful thing to bring to the families and children in our county.

11. Adjournment to **7:00 a.m., June 12, 2003** at Public Health Auditorium, 1601 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton CA

Motion to Adjourn. (Gutierrez/Mitchell 5/0 motion carries)